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MEETING MINUTES
2 JUNE 2016
DUNKIN' DONUTS, GRAFTON

A meeting of the Trustees for Soldiers and Sailors Memorials was held on June 2, 2016 at Dunkin' Donuts, Route 122, Grafton, after the scheduled conference room at Town Hall became unavailable. William Cutler, Kenneth Sherman, and William Drago were present.

On the agenda were a discussion about the veterans' grave marker project, spending for the Trust in FY2017, maintenance of town military monuments and markers, and possible fund-raising projects.

Peter Shay tendered his resignation from the Trust and it was accepted.

It was noted that the May 17 ceremony for Petty Officer Dohlus, lost aboard USS Cisco in 1943, was a well-attended success.

Mr. Drago noted that a sign designating the George Jordan Boulevard has been placed on a pole on that street and that a ceremony for PVT. Jordan is being considered for July 4, 2016. The Town will make the final decision and Mr. Drago will follow-up.

The Memorial Day Parade on May 30 was well-attended, despite the weather. It was noted that most civilians lack instruction in the proper etiquette regarding saluting the U.S. Flag (all stand and covered veterans salute while others place their hands over their hearts whenever the flag passes by).

Mr. Drago will check on the 400 or so veterans' grave markers needed for this year. Veterans' Agent Andy Costello has been involved in this project and will be approached again to coordinate. Plastic

markers are approx.. \$7/each while more durable (but frequently stolen for scrap) aluminum markers cost about \$11/each. Mr. Costello is ordering more decorative metal fasteners for the plaques in Memorial Hall. Money voted for the Trust at the spring town meeting will become available in July.

Mr. Kjellberg will provide the location of town monuments to the other members as the Trust prepares to provide maintenance and repair.

Mr. Sherman will submit a newspaper article requesting interested parties to apply for Trust membership. The four current Trust members are veterans and the Trust is seeking several civilians without prior military experience to submit their names and backgrounds.

Discussion about a possible fund-raising drive was continued until the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Kenneth B. Sherman
Secretary